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SUBJECT: UN CROP SUBSTITUTION PROJECT IN THAILAND

REF: A. BANGKOK 14821; B. STATE 185465; C. GENEVA 4940

1. MISSION GENEVA REQUESTED TO RELAY DATA CONTAINED REF-
TEL A TO MARTENS IN RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST FOR ADDI-
TIONAL INFORMATION.

2. DEPARTMENT RECENTLY RECEIVED COPIES OF UN/THAI PRO-
GRAMME FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL IN THAILAND, UNDND, PROGRESS
REPORT NO. 1 PRINTED GENEVA, JULY 1973. REPORT (PAGE 2)
SERVES AS USEFUL REMINDER THAT HIS MAJESTY THE KING HAS
PERSONALLY INITIATED AND FINANCED PROJECTS OF ECONOMIC
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ASSISTANCE TO THE HILL TRIBES. THE REPORT DESCRIBES

SUPPORT GIVEN THE UN PROJECT BY THE CENTRAL BUREAU OF NARCOTICS (CBN) AS "EXCELLENT" (PARAGRAPH 112). WE ALSO NOTE REFTEL A PARAGRAPH 5 THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE THAI-UN PROJECT AND CBN. IN VIEW OF KING'S PERSONAL INTEREST IN PROJECT AND CLOSE RELATIONSHIP OF THAI-UN PROJECT WITH CBN, WE BELIEVE IT REASONABLE TO EXPECT RTG TO PROVIDE LETTER REQUIRED.

3. DEPARTMENT THEREFORE REITERATES ITS VIEW THAT ENSURING THE SUCCESS OF CROP SUBSTITUTION EFFORTS IN

THAILAND IS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBILITY OF RTG WITH ASSISTANCE FROM UNFDAC. WE ALSO BELIEVE PRESENT SITUATION PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY FOR RTG TO MANIFEST ITS CONTINUING INTEREST IN CROP SUBSTITUTION PROJECT, BY REQUESTING UNFDAC ASSISTANCE TO THAI FARMERS AND UNDERTAKING TO PROVIDE REASONABLE SAFEGUARDS TO ENSURE THAT CROPS WHOSE MARKETING IS GUARANTEED BY UNFDAC ARE GROWN IN SUBSTITUTION FOR AND NOT IN ADDITION TO OPIUM.

4. FOR BANGKOK: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO USE ITS BEST EFFORTS TO ASSIST UNFDAC PROJECT PERSONNEL ELICIT RTG COOPERATION, COMMITMENT AND FORMAL REQUEST. RUSH

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